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LEADING

Forests are made for weary men,
Th[illegible]hey may find their soul [illegible]
And little leaves are hung on trees
To whisper of old memories.
And trails with cedar shadows black
Are placed there just to lead men back
Past all the pitfalls of success
To boyhood's faith and happiness.
Far from the city's craft and fraud,
O Forest, lead me back to God.
—Mary Carolyn Davies.

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Alabama	11	New Mexico	1
Arizona	3	New York	1
Arkansas	4	North Carolina	20
California	3	Ohio	5
Florida	39	Oklahoma	23
Georgia	107	Pennsylvania	6
Indiana	5	South Carolina	30
Illinois	1	South Dakota	1
Kansas	2	Tennessee	27
Kentucky	26	Texas	9
Louisiana	2	Virginia	10
Maryland	4	Washington	
Michigan	3	Washington, D. C.	1
Mississippi	10	West Virginia	29
Missouri	3	Wisconsin	1
Nebraska	10	Total	400

N. A. E. WEEK

Annual observance of N. A. E. Week has been set for October 31 through November 6 in the local churches of N. A. E., constituent denominations and other co-operating churches, Dr. R. L. Decker, executive of the National Association of Evangelicals, has announced.

Special N. A. E. Week bulletins have been prepared which local churches may use in place of their bulletins or as a supplement. Other informational material and printed matter will be supplied to the many churches observing N. A. E. Week, Decker said.

The 1949 bulletin carries a special message from Dr. Stephen W. Paine, N. A. E. president, and lists some of the ministries of N. A. E.

"The material is suitable for the use of congregations not affiliated with N. A. E., but interested in united evangelical action," officials said.

Those desiring further information were instructed to write to the Rev. Harold G. Taylor, N. A. E. Headquarters, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

WHO SAID STATISTICS ARE UNINTERESTING?

A few high lights of good news to pass on to our readers.

The annual statistical report shows: Churches last year, 2,940; this year, 3,446; an increase of 506. Members last year, 135,452; this year, 160,924; an increase of 25,472. Average sermons for each convert last year, 4½; this year, 4. Average sermons for each one receiving the Holy Ghost last year, 12; this year, 10½. For each one baptized in water last year, 17¾; this year, 16⅔. For each one added to the Church last year, 13¼; this year 12¾. On this we figure by fractions, so you see sometimes a half of a sermon means a good percentage gain.

This shows that the Church of God worked from July 31, 1948, to July 31, 1949.—H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

THIRD QUARTER REPORT
Missions and Orphanage

	MISSIONS	ORPHANAGE
Alabama	$ 4,356.32	$ 8,260.36
Arizona	1,445.32	585.66
Arkansas	1,929.84	644.60
California	4,145.10	2,449.50
Canada	244.52	18.82
Colorado	213.17	84.88
Connecticut	1.78	4.87
Delaware	31.59	23.00
D. of C.	35.68	22.39
Florida	5,830.39	3,470.01
Georgia	13,515.78	4,406.83
Idaho	146.39	115.24
Illinois	3,652.10	468.09
Indiana	1,112.35	817.69
Iowa	45.08	1,454.64
Kansas	1,904.22	957.52
Kentucky	3,648.45	3,358.41
Louisiana	1,576.07	917.24
Maine	568.60	173.46
Maryland	5,667.04	1,187.06
Massachusetts	2.68	[illegible]
Michigan	7,585.60	1,164.04
Minnesota	110.71	34.47
Mississippi	2,580.77	756.36
Missouri	1,580.45	907.63
Montana	614.01	77.97
Nebraska	22.03	172.94
New Jersey	204.30	149.57
New Mexico	1,253.41	106.16
New York	191.54	27.23
N. Carolina	19,117.03	2,987.41
N. Dakota	237.10	142.72
Ohio	8,848.79	4,061.77
Oklahoma	350.80	480.03
Oregon	124.87	149.05
Pennsylvania	2,826.65	462.53
S. Carolina	12,020.90	2,745.79
S. Dakota	601.46	369.58
Tennessee	12,250.38	5,445.35
Texas	4,164.40	4,160.06
Utah		3.43
Virginia	8,759.78	2,047[illegible]
Washington	259.01	21[illegible]
W. Virginia	13,419.71	5,355.89
Wisconsin	121.45	25.67
Wyoming	11.31	6.07
Hawaii		16.20
Miscellaneous	55.72	7.00
TOTAL	$147,384.65	$61,503.26

BOOKS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIAN YOUTH

A STRANGER IN THE VALLEY

By Norman E. King, Zondervan

This is a fascinating Christian story of how Betty Andleigh isolates herself in a small community which almost ruins her life with its gossip about herself and the stranger in the valley. How Betty overcomes this sad situation with a firm faith in the Lord and a righteous life is intensely interestingly told.

You will find yourself wondering who the stranger is; you will fall in love with his adorable young daughter; you will applaud as you watch Betty and a friend persevere through misunderstanding to found a Sunday School for this gospel-starved valley—

And you will be thrilled as you watch the Lord work in the life of—"A Stranger in the Valley."—Price $1.50.

BRIGHT HORIZONS

By Albert C. Wyckoff, Zondervan

Wade Monroe finds himself unusually happy and life more interesting—after Donna Rae Rankin moves to Manoka to work on the community newspaper.

Donna Rae meets Wade's friends, Edith and Dale. Everyone thinks they will marry—until tragedy strikes—tragedy which Wade believes they all will feel for the rest of their lives.

However, through the gracious working of the Holy Spirit, there is a bright horizon for the young people.

There also is a bright horizon for their pastor, the Rev. Clay Evans, who is thrilled in observing the young people grow to spiritual maturity as they serve the Lord.

This is a heart-warming story which young and old alike will enjoy.—Price $1.50.

GIVE ME THY VINEYARD

By Guy Howard, illustrated by Steve Miller, 287 pages, cloth bound, Zondervan.

The people of the Ozarks were fighting a losing battle when they opposed the pillaging of their land by the Union Electric Company, who ran the farmers from their farms and paid them only a fraction of their worth. When one of the company's men was mysteriously killed, suspicion fell on Hiram Jackson, a stalwart and belligerent hillbilly. H[illegible]am's sweetheart, Rose Gurney, as well as m[illegible] of the hill folk, were confident of his in[illegible]cence and helped him escape the law. Hiram remained a fugitive for years, hiding in a secret forest cave.

Rose solicited the aid of the community teacher and preacher, Grady Rogers, who resided in the Ozarks for the health of his sickly and ill-fated son Tommy. Together they eventually proved Hiram's innocence. Not, however, without much harrowing adventure, and a surprising turn of events which revealed the actual murderer. Hiram became a Christian and he and Rose began a Christian home. —Price $3.00.

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... Editorials ...

EVANGEL CIRCULATION

Is item number two of South Carolina's state program for 1949-50, and their adopted plan is as follows: "That our ministers and laity increase the circulation of our *Evangel,* and that the goal be set to one-half of our membership. All *Evangels* distributed, by regular subscriptions by rolls of 15, 20, 25, 50, and 100, to be counted as on this quota.

"That we observe the week of *December* 4-11 as EVANGEL WEEK for promotion of *Evangel* circulation. But in event our quota of one *Evangel* for at least every two members is not reached then, that our churches raise their quota not later than state convention of 1950.

"That churches which complete their quota notify the state office of same and their names will be published in the *South Carolina News.*"

Hurrah, in advance, for my good old native state, South Carolina! For, knowing the state overseer and ministers as I do, I am sure that this is the real starting signal that will mean a home run by every pastor to the *Evangel* office with his full quota of *Evangel* subscriptions. I should like to extend the same sentiment of confidence and thanks to all the state overseers and pastors who are showing like interest—and many are.

It would be good for every state overseer, pastor, evangelist and member to remember that regardless of the respect you show or the support you give the *Evangel,* it *your official Church organ.*

It is, indeed, gratifying that we have realized approximately a 50 per cent increase in *Evangel* subscriptions, but, I believe that within a few months you will make it possible for me to report a 100 per cent increase. May I depend on you?

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CO-OPERATION

A good thing to remember,
A better thing to do:
Work with the construction gang,
Not with the wrecking crew.

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JUDSON'S RULES OF LIFE—ADOPTED IN 1842

1. Be diligent in secret prayer, every morning and evening.
2. Never spend a moment in mere idleness.
3. Restrain natural appetites within the bounds of temperance and purity.
4. Suppress every emotion of anger or ill will.
5. Undertake nothing from motives of ambition or love of fame.
6. Never do that which at the moment appears to be displeasing to God.
7. Seek opportunities of making some sacrifice for the good of others, provided the sacrifice is not inconsistent with some duty.
8. Endeavor to rejoice in every loss and suffering for Christ's sake and the gospels, remembering that though, like death, they are not to be willfully incurred yet, like death, they are of great gain.

ST. LOUIS TO PURCHASE NEW LOCATION

A few weeks ago Sister Bright, Brother and Sister Dave Cornutt, special singers of Alabama City church, and I had the delightful privilege of being with Rev. M. M. Mortenson, family, and church for week-end services in St. Louis. The all-day service was to climax a money-raising drive for the purpose of purchasing a site for a new church building.

The state overseer of Missouri, Wilma Henry, was there and he and the pastor did splendid teamwork in both the morning and afternoon services.

It is my understanding that over $2,000 cash and several hundred dollars in pledges was received.

There was plenty of proof that the hard-working, far-seeing pastor and membership are determined to not only secure an ideal location, but erect a church building that will fittingly represent the Church of God in that great city of eight hundred thousand, or more, people.

In addtion to the money raised on this particular day toward purchasing a building site, as best I remember the church had raised since the Assembly, when Brother Mortenson became pastor, $1,200 on furniture and $500 on a beautiful Baby Grand piano.

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EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS

At the close of the afternoon service at St. Louis, our party ran up to East Alton to be with the pastor, N. A. Jordan, a former member of mine at Belton, S. C.

The East Alton church building is neat and the pastor had led his membership in recently furnishing it with very comfortable pews.

There was a good spirit in the service, which we enjoyed greatly, as well as our visit with the pastor and family.

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PREACHING

The following clipping is from the last message of Dr. Joseph Parker, London. His instruction and advice will be profitable to young preachers.

He says, "There is only one thing that I dread more than self-important learning, and that is self-important ignorance. I dread the minister to whom preaching is easy. I hate, with religious and even holy hatred, the sermons that are shaken out of the coat sleeve on a Saturday night. We do not want such men in the ministry of the gospel. Preaching should be a shedding of blood. Preaching is not a trick in plans, in cunning outlines, in shapely sculpture. There is a curt phrase now in vogue which I dislike. We say of such and such a man, 'He is the greatest sermon-builder in the modern pulpit.'

"Preaching is not sermon-building, it is sermon-growing; it is the eloquence of a redeemed and grateful soul; it is the glow and radiance of a wise exposition confirmed by a holy and satisfying experience. Never regard the gospel as 'simple' in the sense of being shallow; rather be overcome and prostrated as by 'a light above the brightness of the sun,' a baptism of glory at the Damascus gate of the pulpit.

"Never preach in haste. Study much, and pray more, not to make the sermon obscure, but to make it as clear as crystal, and when you have done your very best, always remember that you have not yet penetrated to 'the secret place of the tabernacles of the most high.'"

PHYSICIANS *of No Value*

Rev. D. H. DELK, BESSEMER CITY, N. C.

First, I want to say I have no slur or reference to hospitals, medicine, or M. D.'s. Again, I write, "Lest Satan should get advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices."

More so than ever, Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Satan is not always vicious looking, with a dagger in his hand, but he appears as an angel of good common sense, reason, and wisdom. He has millions of seducing spirits working overtime all the time to bias and warp the minds of people. Many folk use useless doctors unaware.

In Mark 5 we read about a poor woman who had suffered many things of many physicians, AND WAS NOTHING BETTERED, BUT RATHER GREW WORSE. I want to say I tried these doctors, and I never got any better, but I rather grew worse.

Now let us draw some imaginary pictures, yet they are a reality. I find a sick fellow, probably a preacher, or a layman. He calls in a doctor. We shall call this doctor Self-Pity. He comes in with his satchel and diagnoses his case, takes his temperature, etc. Then he says, "You have a hard time, harder than the average person has, but no one cares if you do. Your people don't care; the church doesn't care. They won't come about you. They visit others, buy them flowers, etc., but it is plain to see that you are ignored and snubbed on every side." Then he adds a little more, saying, "Even your pastor doesn't care anything about you. If he did, he would visit more and understand your case better."

PREACHERS ARE NOT IMMUNE TO DR. SELF-PITY. Now, preacher, haven't you felt, many a time, that the state overseer didn't appreciate you, or your work?

I see Dr. Self-Pity write out a perscription to the Deceptive Drug Store on the corner of Sorrow Avenue and Disappointment Street. There the druggist, Mr. Art Delusion, will give the victim some "sure shot" capsules for misery and despair. (I TRIED THIS DOCTOR BUT NEVER GOT ANY BETTER; I RATHER GREW WORSE. I FOUND THIS FELLOW A PHYSICIAN OF NO VALUE.)

Here is another sick member. He (or she) calls in DR. EXPECT-TO-BE-APPRECIATED. He comes in, as Dr. Self-Pity did, goes through the usual procedure, then says, "You are not appreciated. Just think of the talent and ability you have, yet they let you sit on your bench, and put greenhorns up. The pastor, your family, nor the church appreciates anything you give or do." Then he'll say, "Just think of all you have done, all you have given." He'll even say, "It would have sunk if it hadn't been for you."

I heard of three sisters, Mary, Martha, and Barbara, going to church. The preacher preached about Martha and Mary, and Barbara went home heartbroken and sobbing, saying, "The preacher preached a whole sermon on Mary and Martha, and never even mentioned my name."

I tried this doctor, but I never got better; I got worse. I found another physician of no value. Oh, it's pathetic, how soft and delicate Christians of today are. In Acts 5:41, we read where the apostles rejoiced because they were persecuted for Christ's sake. They didn't sit down and pity themselves, and cry and weep because they were not appreciated. Christ didn't send His disciples out to be petted and appreciated. Luke 10:3, "Behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves." Just think of our loving Saviour being so heartless—sending out lambs among wolves. IT'S NOT A FAVOR TO GOD FOR ME TO GO TO CHURCH. IT'S A FAVOR FROM GOD TO GIVE ME THE GREAT HONOR TO GO TO CHURCH.

NEXT IS DR. SULK. He comes in, examines, and begins to sympathize and to pity another sick fellow. He says that you went too much, worked too hard, and have done much more than your share, and it's not appreciated. "Now if I were you, I'd feel sore, I'd pout—stick out my lip, I'd mope around, carry a chip on my shoulder and dare the preacher to try to knock it off. I'd sulk around, if I were you, and I SURELY WOULDN'T BE CHEERFUL. PEOPLE THINK YOU ARE AFRAID TO TAKE YOUR STAND AND DEMAND YOUR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. NO SIR, I'D SHOW THEM I WAS NO FLOOR MAT TO BE TRAMPLED ON." Sulking is dangerous, and it will lead to hatred and probably on to murder. James 1:20 says, "The wrath of man worketh (won't produce) not the righteousness of God." Cain first sulked before he killed his brother Abel. The root of bitterness grew into a giant tree of cold-blooded murder. Dr. Sulk will kill you if you continue with him. I've tried him; I never got better but rather grew worse.

I SEE ANOTHER SICK MEMB[illegible] and in comes Dr. Shirk (Skip or Dodge). He says, "You have gone so much, worked so hard, and given so much that you could skip a few services, a few bills, a few burdens, and get the needed rest. God does not expect the unreasonable; just stay out awhile and let the rest carry the load." But, my friend, please be wise, and do not be deceived. There is great danger in resting—IT IS SO EASY TO RUST AND BE POISONED BY A LAZY DEMON. NOTHING AGES PEOPLE LIKE LAZINESS. Oh, I know the Bible says there is a rest for the people of God, but we shall get that rest by labor, not by shirking. Nehemiah built the walls with folks that had a mind to work and not a mind to shirk. If you use this doctor long, the undertaker will surely have work. (I've tried t[illegible] one also, but never got any better. I rather grew worse).

Last, but not least, is Dr. You-Need-More-Money. After all or several of these former doctors have been tried, usually Dr. You-Need-More-Money is resorted to. He has kept many a preacher out of God's will. He can talk with such good wisdom and common sense that the voice of God will fade into oblivion. YES, IF WE ARE NOT VERY CAREFUL, HE'LL MAKE US THINK GAIN IS GODLINESS. The love of money is the root of all evil. Money is a bottomless pit where truth, conscience, and honor are liable to perish. Once a gravedigger was walking along and two doctors came up behind him. Immediately the gravedigger fell behind, saying, "I know my place in this procession."

The gravedigger will surely get [illegible] job if you use these physicians of no value. I advise you to take the Great Physician (Jesus). He will never recommend Self-pity or Expect-to-Be-Appreciated, Sulk, or You-Need-More-Money—AND LET'S KEEP IN MIND SEDUCING SPIRITS ARE WORKING OVERTIME, FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

Reverend and Mrs. Grier Hawkins Arrive From Hawaii

Now Available for Services Here
(Present address: 206 South Twelfth Street, Bessemer City, N. C.)

Our Brother and Sister Hawkins, graduates of our college (ministerial department), have completed three successful years in Hawaii. They received their call to China but while waiting developments in China, were willing to go to Hawaii. In the meantime conditions in China have grown worse, being overrun by communism, so that their going now is not only impracticable but impossible.

At the last General Assembly Reverend and Mrs. A. W. Brummett (820 Coolidge St., Honolulu 55, T. H.) was selected to succeed Brother and Sister Hawkins who, because of failing health of both of them, requested that they be privileged to return to the States. When it came time to go, they evidently found it most difficult to leave the field, and although both were weak in physical strength, they pleaded for further extension, which was granted them. During the past term Brother and Sister Hawkins did a splendid work; built a nice large church in Honolulu, and this last year opened a new work at Hilo on another island some two hundred miles from Honolulu.

I give you here a quotation from a recent letter:

"We left Honolulu Saturday night, September 17, and arrived home September 24.

"Our depature from those we had seen grow up in the Lord is very hard to explain in words. They gave us a royal Hawaiian feast and many gifts, and more than we could number stood in tears and begged us to remain with them. But we left them with the promise to stand fast in the faith. Beautiful flowers were placed around our necks until the only view of our faces that could be seen was our eyes. Their lovely voices rang out with sweet songs of farewell in their own tongue and 'God Be With You Till We Meet Again' in English. As the last moments with them drew near, they held on to our hands and it seemed so hard for them to let us board the plane. The men at the airport waited for us as we had to force ourselves from their grasp. Their precious hands reached out to us as far as we could see, and never can we forget them and the love they have for God and His people. There are many things, Brother Walker, we can tell you when we see you. Brother Brummett and the people send their best 'alaho' to all the churches here in the home land.

We shall be open for revivals beginning in October. If it is permissible, Brother Walker, we should appreciate it if the *Evangel* could give our address and the statement of our desire to conduct revivals in the near future."

If you are able to secure their services I assure you they will be a blessing to your church. You may contact them at the address given above.

THE PLAN WORKED AT OUR CHURCH

We tried something at our church that I know will work in other churches.

I was on the committee at the camp meeting to get subscriptions for the *Macedonian Call,* and since working on it I find that so many of our people do not know what the *Macedonian Call* is, and have never seen one. I decided we would do something about it, not only at our church, but on our district. By this time next year we want to see to it that every member of the Church of God on the Akron District knows and appreciates the *Macedonian Call.*

For the first week during our revival we had a mission school for the children in the basement. The children were taught from the *Macedonian Call* about the missionaries and their different fields of labor. Of course, we had to get books from libraries on different countries, but the *Macedonian Call* was referred to as to the person working in that country. A sister told flash-card stories about missions, flannelgraph stories about missions, and even the choruses were songs about missions, such as "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World" and "I Will Make You Fishers of Men." The boys and girls really liked it. They were stirred in their little hearts, and in this awakening among the children we find that the parents usually catch the mission spirit, too.

The closing program was on Sunday morning. This did not hinder the revival, and more children were present for the revival because of this meeting. A mission spirit will help any church or any revival. We used stories from the *Macedonian Call* and reports from the fields. After the Sunday morning service we took subscriptions.—Mrs. Margie Hitte, 775 Kenmore, S. E., Warren, Ohio.

NOTE: Subscription price for one year is 60c. Why not place your order for a roll of 10 or more at 15c per copy (to be sent quarterly). We will mail them to you and you may wait until the magazines are sold before sending the money for them.

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STATE ACTIVITIES

KENTUCKY STATE PRAYER CONFERENCE AND MINISTERS' SCHOOL

OCTOBER 31-*NOVEMBER* 4, 1949

PLACE: Kentucky State Campground, Lexington, Kentucky.

Services begin Monday night at 7 p. m.; all classes begin Tuesday morning.—L. H. Aultman, State Overseer.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO OHIO CHURCHES

The special Aged Ministers' Rally Day should be observed in each church as soon as possible, and the offering received sent to the state office prior to NOVEMBER 1, 1949.—E. C. Clark, State Overseer.

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

That district conventions convene as follows:

Charleston District, Jan. 21, 22
Laurens District, Jan. 28, 29
Florence District, Feb. 4, 5
Langley District, Feb. 11, 12
Columbia District, Feb. 18, 19
Greenville District, Feb. 25, 26
Anderson District, Mar. 4, 5
Orangeburg District, Mar. 11, 12
Greenwood District, Mar. 18, 19
Rock Hill District, Mar. 25, 26
Gaffney District, Apr. 1, 2
Dillon District, Apr. 15, 16
Lake City District, Apr. 22, 23
Lancaster District, Apr. 29, 30
Walhalla District, May 6, 7
Spartanburg District, May 13, 14

—Houston R. Morehead, State Overseer.

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MANY HEALED AND SAVED IN ILLINOIS

Bro. Thea Jones was here in a revival campaign for nine nights, in the high-school auditorium in West Frankfort, and words cannot describe the good that was accomplished there. Scores and scores of people were healed of all manner of diseases. Deaf mutes came to the meeting and went away hearing a whisper and beginning to talk.

I saw as many as ten who said they were totally deaf, in one ear, all prayed for in a group and all could hear well out of the ear that had formerly been deaf. Many blinded eyes were opened and the crippled went away leaping and rejoicing. Of course, all who were prayed for were not healed, but the hundreds who were healed are praising God for their deliverance.

We could not keep account of the number saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, but there was a large number praying through each night.

This campaign has done more to stir southern Illinois than anything that has happened in a long time. We are looking forward to a great campaign in our new tabernacle on the campground in Benton next May. —M. P. Cross, Overseer of Illinois.

OAK HILL, W. VA., HAS RECORD-SMASHING REVIVAL

This picture of the Oak Hill, West Virginia, Church of God Sunday School was taken on August 28, at the close of a four weeks' revival, conducted by Sister Catherine Thurston and her co-worker. There were 158 in Sunday School on this day, which was the largest attendance in the history of this church. When I came here to pastor, three years ago, the Sunday School was averaging around 20 each Sunday. This was Sister Thurston's fourth revival at this church. Fourteen were saved, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, 21 added to the church (19 new members and 2 by transfer), and 16 baptized in water. These are only a few of the many things God has done for the church here. We desire that He have all the praise for that which has been accomplished. There is a band of good members here and they believe in working to make the church progress.—W. W. Snuffer, Pastor.

A Double Cure...

DENVER, Colo.—I praise our God for the strong determination I have to press on. I have been a member of the Church of God for some twenty years. I do want to tell the world that Jesus can still heal. One of my lungs gave me trouble for over thirty years. I received a wonderful healing last summer, and I really thank and praise God for what He has done for me.—William E. (Bill) Elliott.

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ERWIN, S. C.—I praise the Lord for being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the way He helps me to overcome day by day. I praise God for touching my little baby's body when she was sick.—Mrs. J. L. Ferguson.

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I praise God for being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the many times He has healed in my home. He has never failed. When I came to the Lord it seemed I had gone as far as I could go. I am glad for the day I came to the Church of God.—Nellie Lyda.

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DUNLAP, Tenn.—I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost seventeen years ago. I have trusted God for both soul and body since that time. I praise God for healing my little six weeks' old girl of double pneumonia when the doctor said there wasn't a chance for her to live. I also praise God for healing me of rupture.—Fred H. Sims.

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LIVE OAK, Fla.—I thank and praise God for His goodness, His tender mercies, and blessings to me and mine. I thank Him for a full and free salvation we can feel and know about deep down in our souls. I praise Him for His great healing power. I praise Him for healing my baby of a rash.—Mrs. Evelyn Baker.

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RED JACKET, W. Va.—I thank the Lord for gloriously touching my body. The doctor said I was to go to the hospital for surgery but I prayed and God touched my body, brought me out of bed, and allowed me to go to church again. He has also healed my little girl two or three times, all because I put my trust in Him.—Mrs. James Shields.

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MT. UNION, Pa.—I praise my Saviour for healing my body when the doctor had given up hope for me. He is my only hope and stay.—Sister Freda Booker.

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SEBRING, Fla.—I praise God for healing our little girl. She jumped off a car when it was running. When she was brought to the house she wasn't breathing, but we prayed and the Lord healed her. Several weeks later she became real sick and complained with the same side of her head on which she had fallen. Some thought it was from the fall she had, but I thought that what the Lord had done He had done well. We prayed and God healed her. He has healed us so many times.—Mrs. Vera Morris.

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OCHLOCHNEE, Ga.—I thank and praise God for everything He means to me. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for healing me of a sick spell with which I suffered for over two weeks. Pray for me and my family that we may have a closer walk with God.—Mrs. Roy Langley.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—I praise the Lord for our blessed Saviour and His blood that was shed on the cross for the cleansing of our soul. I praise Him for healing me of tuberculosis in 1947. God can heal us if we trust Him. —Mrs. Janie Lucas.

HANOVER, W. Va.—I praise the Lord that I can shout the victory over sin and sickness. I had heart trouble, a spot on my lung, kidney and bladder trouble, and a very bad case of the flu. The Lord healed me, for which I praise Him.—Grace Wall.

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KIMBERLY, Ala.—I praise the Lord for all He means to me. He is my Saviour and Healer. I thank Him for miraculously healing me of a hurting in my left side. Now I am able to carry on my work.—Rich Johnson.

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APOPKA, Fla.—I praise my wonderful Saviour for what He means to me. I have been serving God for the past sixteen years and also trust Him for my healing. When my blood was so low I could hardly be up, God wonderfully touched my body. He also healed me of athlete's foot, for which I praise Him.—Mrs. A. L. Davis.

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IRVINE, Ky.—I thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I don't know what I would do without Him. I am afflicted in my body and know God can heal. Please pray for me.—Mrs. Sid Baker.

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MAYO, Fla.—I praise God for saving my soul and showing me the true way home. I praise Him for His healing power. My husband was very sick, and the Lord healed him.—Mrs. Lula Hurst.

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TENNILLE, Ga.—I praise God for healing me of stomach trouble that I had for about ten years. I also thank Him for healing my husband.—Mrs. C. J. Dunn.

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I praise and thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. He has healed me, and I praise Him for it.—Miss Elnore Vancooney.

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GO, BUT WAIT

REV. E. W. WILLIAMS, State Overseer of North Carolina

TEXT: Luke 24:49, *"And, behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you: BUT tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be ENDUED WITH POWER from on high."*

INTRODUCTION: The Lord gave His last commission for the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; but He did not send them until they received power for service.

The Son of God, in the completion of His work, is called back to the right hand of the Father. He commands the Church to wait for the "promise of the Father." With great expectancy the disciples turn their eyes toward heaven for about seven days. "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven," which filled all the house, appeared unto them as cloven tongues like as of fire, sat upon each of them, and all were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues. Thus God had come again to tabernacle His people. This was a great day in the beginning of the history of the Church of God. The event that transpired was the opening in the world, the temple of our God. The Church was vitalized for service, and began her mission of preaching the gospel of reconciliation.

May we follow in example as local churches. It may be we have accomplished all that is needed in an educational way, and we might have our nice church buildings, trained choirs, plenty of finance; yet if we do not have the anointing of God, we shall fall short of God's purpose in us.

In a village there was a sign placed on some houses that were for rent, which read something like this, "Houses to let, with or without power," which meant if you wanted a house with or without electricity (power) you could have your choice.

In the ministerial ranks both of these classes are represented; therefore, this sign, "Ministers with or without power," might be equally appropriate. We would not think there would be much of a demand for houses without power, neither is there much demand for the service of the minister or Christian worker who has not the anointing (power) for service. Since the new birth and all the blessings that accompany this experience are of divine origin, it becomes imperative that the minister who preaches the gospel that incorporates these blessings should be endued with divine power.

CHURCHES WITH OR WITHOUT POWER

For the local church to function as Jesus purposed that it should, it is necessary also that it receive the divine anointing for service. His command to the waiting church was to "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, untill ye be endued with **power** from on high." They did that which they were commanded, and the power came. The result was a mighty revival following. The promise of the Spirit came and filled ALL THE HOUSE where they were sitting. Not only twelve apostles received the power, but all the Church. This was an anointing of the Church for the conquest of the world.

We have two beautiful incidents in the Old Testament of God dealing with this people, which are types illustrating the anointing of the tabernacle and the temple. In Exodus 40:34-38 we are told that when Moses had completed the work of consecration, "then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys."

For months, under the instructions of Moses, they had been preparing the material for the erection of this place of worship. At last it stood before them complete. When the consecration was made and the last sacrifice had been offered, with the hearts of the people turned toward heaven, God moved on the scene. The cloud which has gone before them is sitting on the tabernacle. What a wonderful spectacle! God came down their souls to greet, and glory crowned the mercy seat.

Again you will notice a visitation of God at the dedication of the first temple. For years, under the leadership of their two greatest kings, they had been preparing and building the temple. Now it is complete, the dedicatory service is over, and Solomon has made an end of praying, but this is not sufficient. They must have the divine approval of God in a supernatural way. In silent expectancy they await the results. There God speaks, the supernatural fire from the glory world falls and kindles the blaze upon the altar, and consumes the sacrifice. There, waiting Israel is ready for service; she falls upon her face in praise and worship. These are but types and shadows of the more perfect day.

God's temple today is not to be built of wood and stone, but of the loving hearts of His people. For three years the Son of God had been ministering on the shores of Galilee, gathering together the material for the erection of the new dwelling place. Arrangements had been made, new officers had been appointed for the new organization, but further progress could not be made until the anointing from heaven.

"But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you," Acts 1:8.

This statement was made by One who had paid the supreme sacrifice that "he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," Titus 2:14.

Rev. E. W. Williams

Jesus had completed the plan of redemption and had taken the disciples and apostles through a schooling, preparing them for the task of accomplishing this great work. The co-workers were with Him throughout much of His ministry. They had listened to the memorable sermon on the mount. They had listened to His masterly teachings on love, redemption, and healing, the Church doctrine, etc. Never a man spake like He.

After they had been so closely associated with this great teacher, He yet did not permit them to go with the gospel message. He had given them the command to go into all the world and preach the gospel, but He told them to wait or tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high.

We can readily see, with all due respect to a man's schooling, training, or ability otherwise acquired, if he has not received the power or the Holy-Ghost-given authority (which these earlier pioneer gospel preachers were to receive after the Holy Ghost came upon them), that we are not qualified to carry on the work He left for the Church to do. To be successful in our ministry, we must have that God-given authority, "power for service."

Power for service gives authority to preach redeeming grace, heart purity, sanctification, free from sin, cleanliness, holiness, Church of God doctrine, divine healing, Bible financial plan (tithing), Holy Ghost with evidence, as speaking with other tongues, modest apparel, and all the rest that the Word of God sets forth.

Paul speaks in the next verse, Titus 2:15, "These things speak and exhort; and rebuke with all authority." We should pity the present-day condition of the religious world, when would-be leaders are apostatizing, compromising with sin, soft-pedaling, and trying to streamline the gospel of the Son of God. No wonder we find world-mixing among saints and sinners, cold and indifferent church members, where the minister fails to speak, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. First, be sure you have received the divine anointing, then proceed as Paul has instructed. You will find your messages will be accompanied by the power of God, and you will find the purifying process taking place, and there will be an increase in the number of peculiar people zealous of good works in your congregation.

What are the things that God would have spoken? His Word, to all classes and ages, elders, young men, young women, and to servants. Separation, sanctification, and cleansing is good for the old and the young.

When we look at the purpose of His sacrificial death on Calvary, we can then see the need of divine authority, if we are to be mediums by which that purpose may be accomplished.

Three of these are mentioned in Titus 2:14. First, He had in view redeeming man from all iniquity. He died that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him; He died that our sins might never be mentioned against us, that He might wash us, that He might sanctify us with His own blood.

The second purpose was the purifying unto Himself of a peculiar people. That purification comes through the blood and the Word. Jesus said in the 17th chapter of St. John, verse 17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Those having obtained this experience are a peculiar people. They are different from other people: they speak differently; their aspirations and desires are different.

The third purpose was for a people zealous of good works, willing workers, self-sacrificing, loyal to the church, God-fearing and God-loving. There is no place in the province of God for a lukewarm believer. It was that evil servant who wrapped his pound in a napkin, to whom Christ said: "Thou wicked and slothful servant," while we find that in many cases the minister is responsible for that condition in that he has not tarried for that divine power (authority), therefore he is wrapping his pound in a napkin.

With the calling that we have as ministers and Christian workers, we should acclaim a Spirit-filled, God-endued, spiritual life and walk among God's people. We should speak with all authority, which is visited with all power. Jesus said: "Preach the gospel." That implies doctrine as well as salvation, healing, and deliverance. May God help us to lose sight of the people and get a vision of our responsibility to where we can speak, neither courting favors nor fearing powers. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go, and lo, I am with you."

Paul's instruction to Titus was that elders are to be leaders, husband of one wife, have faithful children, not accused of riot or unruly. Bishops are to be blameless as stewards of God, not self-willed or soon to anger, not contentious. Aged men are to be sober, grave, temperate, and sound in faith, in love, and in patience. Aged women in behavior should become holiness, should not be false accusers. It is all right for the aged women to see the shortcomings of the younger women, but they must be very careful not to falsely accuse them—teachers of good things. Young men are to show themselves patterns sound in doctrine, grave, sincere, sound of speech that cannot be condemned. Servants should be obedient to their masters and adorn the doctrine in all things.

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REVIVALS

WOLF MOUNTAIN, N. C.—We truly praise our Saviour for His blessings to us here. We have just closed a revival with Rev. J. T. McGuire doing the preaching. Several were saved and three sanctified. The saints were blessed and encouraged to press on and do more for the upbuilding and advancement of our Lord's cause and kingdom until He comes or calls. We feel that Brother McGuire is a real man of God. He did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of the blessed Holy Ghost. Pray for us here. We love the Lord and His cause.—Miss Ollie V. Owen.

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CONCORD, N. C.—We have just closed a very successful revival—the best in years. God really blessed in a wonderful way and cooperation was prevalent. Our church is more spiritual than it has been in 8 or 9 years, and I believe I speak the sentiment of the church in saying we are closer to God in every way and expect to do great things in Concord.

Brother Ray preached the first week of the revival; then Brother W. E. Langford preached two weeks,and both really preached holiness without fear or favor, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There were 13 saved, 7 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. One man who has been seeking the Holy Ghost for 10 years was really stirred in this meeting, and we still believe he will receive the blessing for he really has power.

We love and appreciate our pastor, Brother C. G. Ray, and his family. They act and look like holiness people, and he can and does preach holiness without fear or favor. Pray for us that God will help us and stir this city for the Church of God.—Mrs. Audrey Wentz, Reporter.

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DYER, Ark.—We thank and praise the Lord for the four weeks' revival just closed here, with Sister Mary Godfrey as the evangelist. She did some good preaching. There were 28 saved, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 13 baptized in water, and 8 added to the church. The church is greatly revived. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, E. C. Pace, and family. He has been with us two years. Since that time we have built a nice parsonage, of which we are proud. Pray that God will continue to bless us.—Albert Lawson.

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EAST CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for our good revival, with 29 saved, 14 sanctified, 11 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 11 added to the church. Rev. Lindsey Pratt, of Lindale, Ga., was our evangelist. Brother and Sister Pratt were certainly a blessing to our church, and we praise God for the souls won to the Saviour through their efforts here.—Ruth McGinnis, Reporter.

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MARKS, Miss.—We are very happy to report a 3 weeks' revival at the Goodwill Church of God. The first week our good pastor, Rev. G. N. May, and his faithful wife were in charge. Several were saved and sanctified and 9 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Leonard Jones, of Kansas, was our evangelist the last two weeks. Brother Jones is a wonderful preacher and we truly appreciate him and his good wife. Durng the three weeks 18 were saved, 16 sanctified, 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 15 added to the church, 12 testified to being healed, and 22 are to be baptized in water. The last night we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing and God put His approval upon the service. God placed His approval upon us in giving us these souls, and we are very thankful.—Daisy L. Richardson, Reporter.

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SMITHERS, W. Va.—One of the greatest revivals in the history of the Church of God here has just come to a close. The meeting ran 3 weeks and many great experiences were witnessed, including a number of healings. Night after nght waves of glory swept large congregations. Throughout the meeting a blessed spirit of cooperation, unity, and prayer prevailed among the saints. There were 21 saved, 11 sanctified, and 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Ky., was the evangelist. Brother Dagnan is a blessed man of prayer and is willing to go anywhere the Lord leads. He is having wonderful success in turning souls to God. Pray for us.—Nettie Hall.

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RAYVILLE, La.—We thank God for the great Holy Ghost revival which lasted approximately 5½ weeks. Night after night the power of God filled the church and people prayed through to old-time victory. There were 38 saved, 35 sanctified, 31 filled with the Holy Ghost, 31 baptized in water, and 31 added to the church. Some of these were previous Church of God fighters and some were backsliders. God certainly poured out His blessings on us. Our evangelist, Rev. Villard McCrary, of South Carolina, certainly proved to be a chosen vessel of God. Brother McCrary is also an excellent singer and musician.

I should also like to say a few words in appreciation of our pastor, Rev. T. J. McCartney, and family. Brother McCartney is certainly doing a good work here at Rayville. Our Y. P. E. and Sunday School have had a 50 per cent increase, and the spiritual tide is rising high. Pray that our church will continue to grow.—Marie Johnston, Clerk.

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CHRISTOPHER, Ky.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival, conducted by Evangelist Irene Stephens, of Russell Springs, Ky. In many ways this was one of our best revivals. Night after night the large auditorium was filled with an attentive audience, and Sister Stephens, anointed of the Holy Ghost delivered some of the best evangelistic sermons it has been our privilege to hear.

There were 17 saved, 8 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and several healed.

One outstanding feature of the revival was the conversion of a sick man, about seventy years of age, in a cottage prayer meeting.

Sister Stephens has endeared herself to the people of Christopher, and we highly recommend her as a God-called and Spirit-filled evangelist.—Earl T. Golden, Pastor, Rt. 1, Hazard, Ky.

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PAW CREEK, N. C.—The Church of God here has just closed one of the most wonderful revivals it has ever had. The evangelist was Rev. Doc Wilbanks. The Lord blessed each service with His mighty power. There were 12 saved, 7 sanctified, 9 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to

the church. We are thanking God for His blessings and for this revival. —Mrs. Carl Underwood.

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SARDIS, Ga.—We have had a wonderful revival here, wth Rev. D. W. Coper doing the preaching. There were 22 saved, 10 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. Some were healed. Brother Coper was a real blessing to the church.—L. C. Smith, Pastor.

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HALEYVILLE, Ala.—We praise God for the way He has blessed in our revival at the Cherry Hill Church of God. There were several saved, 3 sanctified, 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 7 added to the church, and 6 baptized in water. Several were healed of different diseases.—Mrs. Sallie Cook.

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PIKESVILLE, Ala.—We praise the Lord for the great revival here, with Sister Annie Kilgore doing the preaching. The Lord blessed in a mighty way. There were 14 saved, 16 sanctified, 17 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 14 added to the church. Pray for us.—Rev. Charlie Guinn, Pastor.

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COLQUITT, Ga.—We are happy to report a 2 weeks' revival which was conducted by our good pastor, Rev. R. L. Walton. There were 27 saved, several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. We thank God for our good, consecrated pastor and wife. Brother Walton is certainly doing a wonderful work at South Mt. Zion.—Mrs. D. Albritton.

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MALLARY, S. C.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals ever had here at Mallary. There were 37 saved, 23 sanctified, and 13 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Sister Lula Mae Putnam was the evangelist.—Joe Lane, Clerk.

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BARNARDSVILLE, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the 2 weeks' revival which was conducted by Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Pritchard, of Hickory, N. C. Their messages were under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and we feel that they were a blessing to the church here.

We are still having good attendance in our Sunday School and Y. P. E. We want to thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother D. E. Kilby. He has proved a blessing to the church.—Mrs. Ada Whittemore.

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WARESBORO, Ga.—We are happy to report a 5 weeks' revival with Brother Mills, of Cairo, doing the preaching. There were 5 saved, 5 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost and 5 added to the church. This was the best revival that has been here for several years, for which we truly thank our Lord. We thank God for our good pastor and his wife. They have been a blessing to the church.—Mr. and Mrs. Willis King.

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CHILLICOTHE, Ohio—We just closed a revival at the West Junction Church of God. There were 4 saved, 2 sanctified, and 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Some of the members said it was the best revival that has ever been there. Pray for me, and anyone desiring my help as an evangelist, I shall be glad to do all I can. I am still working in the State of Ohio.—Carlie G. Butts, c/o Mattie Copas, Route 3, Oak Hill, Ohio.

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CLEVELAND, Va.—After classes in our Sunday School, we had a much needed revival. Fifteen Sunday School children were saved, 2 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, 13 baptized in water, and 5 added to the church.—Mrs. Hettie R. Crabtree, Clerk.

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PORTERSVILLE, Calif.—Four months ago, when our pastor, Rev. Edward Harrison, came to pastor our church, we had an average of 40 in Sunday School and our record attendance was 108. On the first night of our revival there were only 12 present. We have broken the Sunday School record four times. Our record is now 160. We had 82 enrolled in our Daily Vacation Bible School. To date, 17 have been added to the church and baptized in water. Pray for us that the revival fire will continue to burn. —Bob L. Watson, Reporter.

ROCKY HILL, Miss.—We have just closed a good revival, with Rev. J. A. Smith doing the preaching. Brother Smith did some fine preaching in the old time way, and the church was stirred and encouraged. Many were blessed; 5 prayed through to the Holy Ghost; a number were saved and sanctified; 2 were baptized in water; and one was added to the church. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was done. Pray much for us.—M. L. Muse, Pastor.

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BARREN SPRINGS, Va.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here, with Rev. J. G. Perry as our evangelist. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were 11 saved, 8 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 15 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church. Brother Perry did some good preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Anyone in need of a good evangelist would do well to secure him for a revival. His address is 409 E. Queen St., Edenton, N. C.—D. H. Gallimore.

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VERNON, Texas.—We have just closed a revival here with Brother Curtis Drake doing the preaching. God wonderfully blessed the church and many received the Holy Ghost, and 6 joined the church. Since May 14 have been added to the church. We do praise God for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister N. L. Suiter. We are in a building program now and we hope to soon have our church ready to move into. Pray for us.—Mrs. Matt Huff, Reporter.

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KITE, Ga.—We praise God for a 7 weeks' revival this summer. God gave us an old-time Holy Ghost revival. We organized a church with 26 members. We are worshiping in a nice tent now, but we have great prospects for a church building. Pray for our little work down here.—Kelmar H. Durden, Pastor.

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Jesus-Hating Jews Have but One Hope -- JESUS

BY MRS. WALTER DAUGHDRILL, LEXINGTON, KY.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children," Hosea 4:6.

God, through Hosea, was speaking to the children of Israel, and this scripture can well be applied to the Jews today. They've been taught by their rabbis not to discuss religion with a Gentile and to hate the name of Christ. Because they rejected Christ, God also rejected them. They forgot the laws of God, and a spirit of deep sleep has been upon the Jews for centuries—spiritual sleep. "God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew . . . ," Rom. 11:2. They are God's fig tree and are putting forth leaves.

Jesus said to His disciples, " . . . Go not into the way of the Gentiles . . . but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," Matt. 10:5, 6. Paul wrote to the Romans, chap. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; *to the Jew first,* and also to the Greek (Gentile)." Thousands of Christians today are missing great blessings because they do not know our responsibility to the Jews. "We do err, not knowing the scriptures," Matt. 22:29.

I've had Bible students to tell me that God cast the Jews off forever and they'd never have another chance; but God's Word says, "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid; but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy." Have they done anything for us? Ought we to help them find our Christ? "Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?" Romans 11:11, 12. "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" Rom. 11:15. "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord . . . ," Isa. 51:3. We are nearing the close of the Gentile age; God's Spirit is calling to Israel, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." Recently, in the *Jewish Hope* the report was that about 50,000 Jews in Palestine have accepted Christ.

God is again speaking to His prophets as He did to Ezekiel, chap. 2:3-6, 8, ". . . Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee," for, "Thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel," Ezek. 3:5.

God may be speaking to you to be a missionary, and you say, "I can't go; I don't know the language of other countries." But the Jews in America are not of a strange speech or a hard language. They can understand what you say. Many of them are very rebellious when you approach the subject of the gospel of Christ. I've seen them display an ugly temper by tearing into shreds gospel tracts we gave them. "Be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee." Take new courage, because God said, "I am almighty God, I change not." He is saying to many of us, "Hear what I say unto thee; I send thee to the children of Israel; speak with my words unto them." You may say, "I don't know how to talk to Jews about Christ." Study the Word and pray for knowledge and wisdom—the Holy Ghost will give you what you should say. After talking with a Jewish rabbi once, about Christ and the New Testament, he said, "Why do you come to me? Aren't there still many sinners among the Gentiles?" While he was asking me the question I prayed, "O God, give me a Bible answer." Then the words came, "God said, 'Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'" He then said, "I can't preach this to my people." We must not be discouraged with answers like that, for God said, "My word shall not return unto me void"; also, "Ask what ye will and it shall be done"; and, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

It is so hard to realize that there are multitudes of Jews in our country who have never heard the gospel. I once visited a Jewess. She did not care to discuss religion with me and said she was very busy. Then I asked her to please believe that God had sent me to her. She invited me in and even prayed with me. The Holy Ghost witnessed to her in His language as I prayed, and then she became more interested. As I related to her the story of Christ and of the things in the New Testament, her eyes opened with wonder, and a number of times she exclaimed, "I never heard that before. Is that in the New Testament?" Finally she said, "Will you go to our rabbi and relate to him the things you have told me?"

When God deals with us about talking to or praying for a person, He is dealing with that person. We should obey and whether they heed us or not, we must leave the results with God. We must be patient with them. How can we expect one who has never heard the gospel, and has been taught from a child to hate the name of Jesus, to accept Him early? Think of the Gentiles who have heard the gos-

pel many long years before accepting Christ—and some never do. They are a stiffnecked people, yet God said in 2 Chron. 7:14, 15, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."

In Ezek. 36:26, 27, God promised Israel, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Then God showed Ezekiel a valley of very dry bones, and said, "Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live," Ezek. 37:4, 5. Israel has been a valley of spirtually dead, dry bones. In the last few years there has been a noise (war) and behold a shaking, and the bones (Jews) are fast coming together. God is breathing upon them and they are coming to life spiritually, a great army of them (many in other nations besides the 50,000 in Palestine). These bones are the whole house of Israel. They have said, "Our bones are dried and our hope is lost; we are cut off for our parts." During and after the war many cried, and many are yet crying, "Our homes are gone; our all has been taken from us; our loved ones murdered; and many of our children are growing up in other lands." For many years they've knelt at the wailing wall in Palestine, pleading for Messiah to come and comfort them. How awful to know that He came and they did not and will not accept Him. "They do err, not knowing the scriptures."

We haven't much longer to witness to the Jews. Just watching them and reading God's Word we learn that the coming of Christ is at hand. The following facts are proof of this: Ezek. 37: 21, 22. "...I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all." Today the national Jewish flag waves over Palestine. She is a nation, and sooner than we expect, the great millinnium day will dawn and the ONE King, Jesus Christ, will be King to all.

Jesus said in Luke 21:24, "...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Gentiles have ruled Jerusalem since the Jews were driven out, after they rejected Christ until she was captured by General Allenby in 1917 from the rule of the Turks. Jews have returned to their homeland since that time from all nations. This great victory was prophesied by Isaiah. "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it," Isa. 31:5. Not a shot was fired, nor a building demolished. It happened just as God said it would. God has ever used man to do His work. Rev. 17:17, "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will...until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

God brought salvation to the Gentiles in order to win the Jew to Himself through provocation and jealousy. Rom. 11:11, 15. God has not cast away His people forever; He has a definite program for them, and has not taken away their opportunities. *All* Israel could be saved if they believed. The question is not, "Has God cast away His people?" But, have we? Think of the millions of Jews who died in so-called Christian nations, unsaved. Think of the multitude of Jews in America today who are untouched by this message of grace. How many churches have put the evangelization of Israel into their missionary budgets? Blessings will come to us and the Jews when we carry out God's plan. In 1 Cor. 11:1, Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Let us see how Paul felt about the Jews. Rom. 9:1-4, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises." Rom. 10.1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." This sort of passion is not of the flesh but of the Spirit, which had been given to Paul by the love of God in his heart by the Holy Ghost. God repeatedly said to Israel, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love," and, "Return unto me, my backsliding children."

Let's pray for the Jews as never before. Psa. 122:6, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." There are few missionaries to the Jews today, compared to those to Gentiles. They surely need our prayers.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS WRITE

Dear Brother Bright:

Our check is enclosed in the amount of $93.75 for *75 Evangel subscriptions*. The subscription list is also enclosed. This is *above* our quota for this Assembly year.—Sincerely, T. R. Morse, Pastor, Lindale, Ga.

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Thank you for your letter of August 12, regarding the expiration of the *Evangel*. You were absolutely correct; I have just neglected to take care of this renewal. Enclosed is the money for renewal.

I do enjoy our Church paper very much. I am truly sorry I have let two weeks go by without receiving it. It is worth far more than its cost just to have it coming into my home each week. May God bless you in your great work for Him.

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I am sorry I delayed renewing my subscription. I surely miss my paper when it doesn't come every week. Enclosed is the money for renewal.—Mrs. L. M. Elixson, Gainesville, Fla.

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I am very, very sorry that I have neglected to renew my subscripton to the *Evangel*. I have been away this summer, so please accept my apologies and renew my subscription to the *Evangel* for two years. Enclosed is $3.00. May God richly bless you in your work.—Mrs. Louise Francisco.

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Enclosed is a money order for $1.50. Thank you for your letter. May God bless you in your work.—H. J. Ferrell, Taylorville, W. Va.

Some Things to Think About

Taylor Dictated Move by Vatican, Red Says

MOSCOW, (AP)—Russia's **Literary Gazette** declared today that the Pope's decree excommunicating communists and their supporters was dictated by Myron C. Taylor, President Truman's emissary to the Vatican.

The charge was contained in an article by Boris Zhirmov titled "Vatican Threatens Peace Supporters." It also said that there is a close connection between General MacArthur's administration in Japan and the papacy's plans to spread Christianity.

Zhirmov said the Japanese Christian leader, Toyohiko Kagawa, aspires to become premier of Japan and during the last year spent 193 sleepless nights reading "Sherwood Eddy, Stanley Jones and other well-known Catholic missionaries."

(Dr. E. Stanley Jones is a Methodist missionary. Dr. Sherwood Eddy is an international YMCA leader.)

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I. S. Randall, former New York advertizing man, drinks an "atomic cocktail," one of $20,000 worth he has imbibed, to which he credits recovery from thyroid gland cancer. One radioactive iodine "cocktail" a month, Randall says, has changed him from a stretcher case to a useful member of society, and made him "radioactive enough to set Gieger counters chattering like frightened monkeys." **(International.)**

Armed Forces

The Armed Forces on July 31, 1949 (estimate on preliminary reports), had a combined strength of 1,616,600. The total is an increase of 2,300 over the 1,614,300 combined strength total on June 30, 1949.

In Which Pew Are You?

In most churches there are quite a number of pews that look very much alike, but are really quite different. . . .

There is, first of all, the Critical Pew. It watches the minister with an eagle eye; even when he makes an impression on all the other pews, our Critical Pew remains dumb. The choir knows it, and grows nervous. The singing is too light or too heavy. The janitor comes in for his share of attention, for the church is always too hot or too cold. The Critical Pew finds everything except blessing.

Then there is the Irregular Pew. Sometimes it is full, sometimes it is empty. On special occasions you may safely count upon its presence, but when a special missionary effort is to be made for funds raised for a new church home, you will make little mistake if you reckon upon that pew's tenants being elsewhere. The Irregular Pew enjoys very little blessing.

On the other side of the church is the Cordial Pew. It is radiant with sunshine, greets other pews with genuine cordiality, extends a handshake to any visitor, and listens with joy to the words of life. On the way out, the Cordial Pew fairly beams. "A most inspiring sermon! The singing was fine." There is a good deal of blessing received by the occupants of the Cordial Pew.

But last there is the Prayerful Pew. It spends a moment or two with bowed head in silent prayer on entering. It comes to worship, and brings the spirit of worship along. It sings heartily, hears the sermons prayerfully. When the minister rises to preach, he unconsciously turns toward the Prayerful Pew. Then his heart grows warm, his spirit is afire, and his voice rings out in clarion notes of victory. Which of these pews will you be found in as you come to worship in the house of the Lord?

—Selected.

United Evangelical Action

reports that over 700,000 evangelical Christians are missing or unaccounted for in Soviet Russia. Before World War II, there were 1,000,000 Protestants in the USSR; now there are said to be 300,000.

How to Bring a Revival

Gypsy Smith was once asked how to start a revival. He answered: "Go home, lock yourself in your room, kneel down in the middle of the floor. Draw a chalk mark all around yourself and ask God to start the revival inside that chalk mark. When He has answered your prayer, the revival will be on."—**Missionary Worker.**

Giving at All-Time Low

The golden rule foundation reports that two-thirds of a nickel is the daily offering of the American public to God. In 1932 the American people were giving 5.3 per cent of their total income to the church. In 1939 the income declined to 2.56 per cent. By 1945 it was down to 1.6 per cent. As prosperity has increased we have given more and more to the Government in taxes and less and less in tithes and offerings to God.

The Empty Pew

The Empty Pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear. To the preacher it says, "Your sermon is not worth while." To the visitor it whispers, "You see, we are not holding our own." To the treasurer it shouts, "Look out for a deficit." To the stranger who is looking for a church home it suggests, "You had better wait a while." To the members who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sabbath, too?" The Empty Pew speaks against the service. It kills inspiration and smothers hope. It dulls the fine edge of zeal. The Empty Pew is a weight. The Occupied Pew is a wing. "Thou wilt be missed because thy seat will be empty" (1 Sam. 20:18).

—Selected.

A Strange Court Decision

A 55-year-old woman in Cleveland, Ohio, recently was granted a divorce because "her husband is a teetotaler and when she gives an evening drinking party, he retires to his room to read the Scriptures and pray, refusing even to drink with her guests." And for this "crime a Cleveland court gave her a divorce"!

Never Again

A certain titled British gentleman was converted. He loved the Lord a great deal, but he was not well taught in the Scriptures. He thought that he could continue in some of his worldly engagements and still bear a good testimony.

On an occasion some weeks after he gave his heart to the Lord, this man accepted an invitation to a very worldly party. Upon his arrival, one of the guests greeted him with these words: "I'm so glad to see you and to know that it isn't true."

"I beg your pardon," he replied, "but I think I don't quite understand you."

"Why," said the other guest, "rumors were around that you had been converted a few weeks ago. I'm so glad you're here and to know, therefore, that the rumor was unfounded."

"But it is true!" the dumbfounded man ejaculated. Hesitating a moment, he added: "I see that you think this party is no place for a Christian to be. And you are right. You will never again see me at such an affair, nor will anyone else." And bidding his host and hostess adieu, he departed from his last worldly engagement.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

WILDASON

Flossie Cassidy Wildason was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 13, 1885, and passed away September 16, 1949. Sister Wildason is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Doris Herendeen and and Miss Myrtle Wildason, two brothers, one sister, one grandchild, and a host of friends. She resided in Fort Wayne, Ind., for a number of years, was a charter member of the Church of God, and served as clerk for thirteen years. We are looking forward toward meeting her in the home up yonder.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor.—John Marlin, Pastor.

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MOORE

Mrs. Lula Moore departed this life Aug. 18, 1949. She had been a faithful member of the Church of God at Hazel Green. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Elmer Harrington.—Mrs. Callie Moore, Clerk.

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FINLEY

My mother, Mrs. Sallie Finley, age forty-nine, departed this life July 29, 1949. She was a member of the Church of God at Oppy, Ky.—Gladys Chafin.

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DOWDEN

Albert Dowden, age thirty-five, died suddenly while he was working in a coal mine July 18, 1949. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Oppy, Ky. He was on fire for God at all times and was willing and ready to do his best in everything that was upbuilding to the church.—Gladys Chafin

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CALLIS

Henry E. Callis passed away July 29, 1949. He was one of the greatest friends that the Church of God here ever had. He leaves his wife and eight children to mourn his passing. Funeral services were held at the Church of God at Sedan, N. Mex., with the pastor in charge. Burial was in Texline, Texas.—J. D. Hodges, Pastor.

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ROSS

Mr. Lawrence Ross, a member, also trustee of the Church of God at Piedmont, W. Va., passed to his reward August 1, at the age of thirty-one, and was sick only a few days. He leaves a wife and four children, two brothers, three sisters, and father. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, F. G. McAfee.

The Physically Handicapped

It was not only thoughtful of our President, Honorable Harry Truman, to set aside October 2-8 as "Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," but also a matter of commendation to the Army, Navy, and Air Force that they have and are complying with his wishes, and, so far as that, the wishes of the public also, in giving employment to those left to a life of physical handicap.

Secretary Johnson said, "I know that considerable attention has been given by the Army, Navy, and Air Force to the employment and placement of physically handicapped workers. I urge that everyone concerned with unemployment in the Defense Department place continued and increased emphasis on means of employing the physically handicapped wherever possible."

Secretary of the Army, Gordon Gray, has stated that the Department of the Army has long been aware of its responsibility in this field, particularly in respect to disabled veterans. "Furthermore," he said, "as one of the Nation's largest employers, the Army has a responsibility for leadership in modern employment practices which place emphasis on a man's abilities rather than on his handicaps, when he is being considered for employment.

"The Army is fulfilling its reponsibility by authorizing a post-war reenlistment quota of 5,000 disabled veterans to fill certain categories of regular Army assignment, and by employing thousands of disabled persons, including veterans, in its civilian jobs. Since the initiation of the Army's reenlistment program in November, 1946, a total of 1,394 disabled veterans have re-enlisted. The Army is also currently employing more than 19,000 disabled veterans in civilian capacities."

Secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington, has promised full cooperation in employing the physically handicapped. He said, "Air Force experience has demonstrated the advantages of employing and properly placing disabled veterans and physically limited non-veterans. During the war physically handicapped civilian employees filled important jobs at many Air Force installations. At Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, for example, more than one out of ten employees of the Air Service Command was physically handicapped.

"Now disabled veterans are proving more and more that they can contribute needed skills and dependable service to the operations of the peacetime Air Force. As of August 1, 1949, there were 11,025 physically limited veterans employed by the Air Force in continental United States, a 21 per cent increase over the previous year.

"The Air Force will continue to impress upon civilian personnel officers and supervisors the importance of a definite program of placement of the physically handicapped."

Secretary of the Navy, Francis P. Matthews, said, "Utilization of the physically handicapped, particularly those who were disabled in the service of their country, is a work in which the Navy happily joins its sister services, the Army and the Air Force.

"It is a solemn obligation of the Armed Forces to assist to gainful employment, so far as practicable, those men and women who were maimed while performing the task of protecting their country during national Department place continued and injured during the war years have found work in the Navy yards, ordnance depots, and naval bases of the Navy Department."

Secretary Matthews has cited the fact that more than 3,000 disabled veterans of the Armed Forces are employed in one section of the Navy alone, the Bureau of Ordnance. Other hundreds of partially disabled are employed in other naval activites where their skills are best utilized.

The veterans and members of the families to which they belong, as well as every American citizen, should feel the deepest sense of gratitude to God that we have a government actuated by Christian humanitarinism toward the soldiers and their families who are to bear the marks of continual sacrifice from the wars in which they bravely defended all the privileges that we hold sacred and dear as a nation, under God, of the people, by the people, and for the people. Long may her Stars and Stripes wave, and, just as long, God grant that the Christian flag will proudly wave beside her. There is no other nation in the world so great as ours, and the good neighbor policy is largely responsible.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

A VERY SPECIAL REQUEST

I am taking this means of appealing to the ministers and members throughout the Church to pray for Rev. Wroten Dunn, the son of Rev. G. C. Dunn, and the brother of Reverends Rolon and Colon Dunn. Wroten has been in the W.N.C. Sanatorium at Black Mountain, N. C., for a number of months, and his condition is very critical.

All who are acquainted with Wroten know that he was a wholehearted, successful evangelist until stricken down by the white plague. He is a young man with a wife and baby, and there are ways, in addition to your prayers for Brother Wroten, that his heart and condition could be relieved, as well as his wife and baby helped. Address him, Rev. Wroten Dunn, W. N. C. Sanatorium, Black Mountain, N. C.

Daughter to be saved and healed and other children and loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Salisbury, N. C.

Me to be healed of hay fever; my loved ones. —A Reader, Sweetwater, Tenn.

My husband to be saved; my unsaved children.—Curvie Little, Scranton, Ky.

A neighbor family that needs God.—B. F. Sherbahn, Hermiston, Ore.

The healing of my body; my two daughters to be healed.—Mrs. Mary Jane Campbell, Manila, Ark.

The healing of a varicose ulcer on my foot. —Mrs. Lydia Burr, Webbers Falls, Okla.

My sister to be healed of kidney stones.—Miss Alice Davis, Augusta, Ga.

The salvation and healing of our daughter and son-in-law who were in an automobile accident.—L. P. Burton, Greenwood, S. C.

Me to be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. Mandy Nance, Sheffield, Ala.

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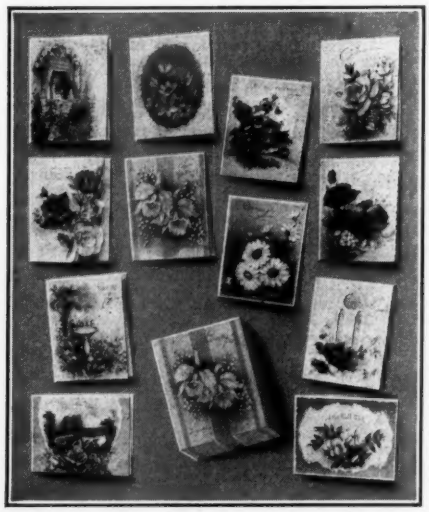

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